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January 10, 1974

Honorable William S. Moorhead
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C., 20515

Dear Mr. Moorhead:

I have received your inquiry dated December 14 concerning Miss Ferns E. Crosby's interest in the fate of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

According to the records of the Department of State, Mr. Wallenberg was assigned to the Swedish mission in Budapest, Hungary during World War II, and in January of 1945 disappeared following the arrival of Soviet troops in Budapest. In response to repeated inquiries by the Swedish Government, the Soviet Government in February 1957 stated that Mr. Wallenberg had died in a Moscow prison on July 17, 1947. Despite the fact that the Swedish Government has officially raised the issue of Mr. Wallenberg's fate on a number of subsequent occasions, citing the fact that several persons claimed to have seen Mr. Wallenberg alive during the 1950's, the Soviet Government has provided no additional information.

The mother of Mr. Wallenberg, Mrs. Fredrik von Dardel, has continued to pursue the question of the fate of her son with the Swedish Government and the Swedish Red Cross. These bodies are thoroughly familiar with the case of Mr. Wallenberg, and are in the best position to make further inquiries with the Soviet authorities in the event it is believed that further representation may prove helpful.

I regret that my reply cannot be more encouraging in this matter, but please continue to call on us whenever you believe we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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